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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

It is of great concern to me that the State of California have up-to-date and accurate information on Federal Recovery Act dollars received. I have already heard that the quality and speed of information about the funds is sub-par to what you and the people of California would expect.

Even more importantly we should have in place, overarching plans with clear and measurable goals that look to leveraging and maximizing these dollars. Equally important are departmental plans and strategies to ensure energetic oversight of these precious dollars. To that end, last week I wrote Agency Secretaries and Department Directors (see attached) to supply detailed information regarding these issues by Monday, July 20th and to meet with me to discuss personally before the end of August.

You directed me as Inspector General to ensure that all the recovery dollars are spent wisely and well. To do this I must have the personal cooperation and involvement of the top management of state agencies and departments now. Without these plans, goals and oversight there can be no real accountability.

Despite the fact that we are still waiting for more information and guidelines from the federal government, we must get out in front of this now before any more of these dollars are awarded.

Sincerely,

LAURA N. CHICK
Inspector General

Attachment